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### Davo at toy run

By CASSIE HOUGH

Iron butt long distance motorcyclist David 'Davo' Jones will feature at this year's Mudgee and District Bikers Toy Run and Poker Run to be held on December 8.

Mr Jones has just completed a transcontinental ride from the most eastern point of Australia (Byron Bay) to the most western town (Denham) and back in a time of five days, 21 hours and 17 minutes to set a world record as the first transcontinental ride on the new 1400GTR and he did it twice.

Mr Jones travelled the 10,367km on the new Kawasaki 1400 GTR, and people will get the chance to see the actual bike he rode across the country when he visits Mudgee for the annual Toy Run.

Mr Jones is a member of the riders club known as the I.B.A. (Iron Butt Association) and was also the founder of the motorcycle club known as the FarRiders, a club that lives up to its name.

Mr Jones named the bike Roku on the last stint of his ride. Roku is the Japanese word for six and symbolises the fact that he completed the ride in less than six days.

Paul (Oly) Olsen from Mudgee Kawasaki – where the ride begins this year - said the distance Mr Jones travelled was amazing.

"Come and have a talk to the man himself at the Toy Run or at the Court House Hotel where the Toy Run after-party will run till late," Mr Olsen said.

"We hope to see the local community get behind the toy run this year, because as we all know the drought and the cost of living has not been kind to anyone and so many families are doing it tough," he said.

Santa will also be seen riding the new 1400 GTR for the Toy Run as well.

All the money raised will stay in the Mudgee district and help local families.

The run begins with a sausage sizzle at Mudgee Kawasaki at 9.30am on December 8 and Santa along with the bikes and hot rods take off at 10.30am.



Paul 'Oly' Olsen, pictured will join 'Davo' Jones on the toy ride next weekend. 291107d/52

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